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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA : Associate Director-Management/NFAC

FROM : Coordinator for Academic Relations and  
External Analytical Support

SUBJECT : Proposal for a Visit to CIA by a Group of  
University Presidents

1. Action Requested. None on this memo, You asked for my comment on Sayre Stevens' memorandum of 4 October and the attached plan for the visit of the university presidents.

2. The plan for the visit was called to my attention a few days after I joined the Agency in July. I considered it a good one but did not comment because of my limited experience at the time. I still like the plan, but I am now more aware of the difficulties it presents.

3. It seems clear that the success of the effort will turn largely on the impression the presidents receive of our candor and openness. Certainly to create such an impression is the major thrust of the plan. As part of this endeavor it is stated (on page 2 of the plan, top of the page) that "presentations by [REDACTED] would appear to be essential elements of the program, because of widespread concern in academia . . . with 'spying' on campus." In his note, attached at the end of the plan, Jack Blake raises a question regarding this degree of openness on [REDACTED] I share his concern. The [REDACTED] seems unlikely to be a problem except possibly in exceptional cases (where Harvard or other "guidelines" are adhered to literally and some faculty members may prefer to cease communications with the Agency rather than have it known to their administrators that they are communicating). For this reason, I should think a frank description of the [REDACTED] would be helpful. By contrast, the [REDACTED]

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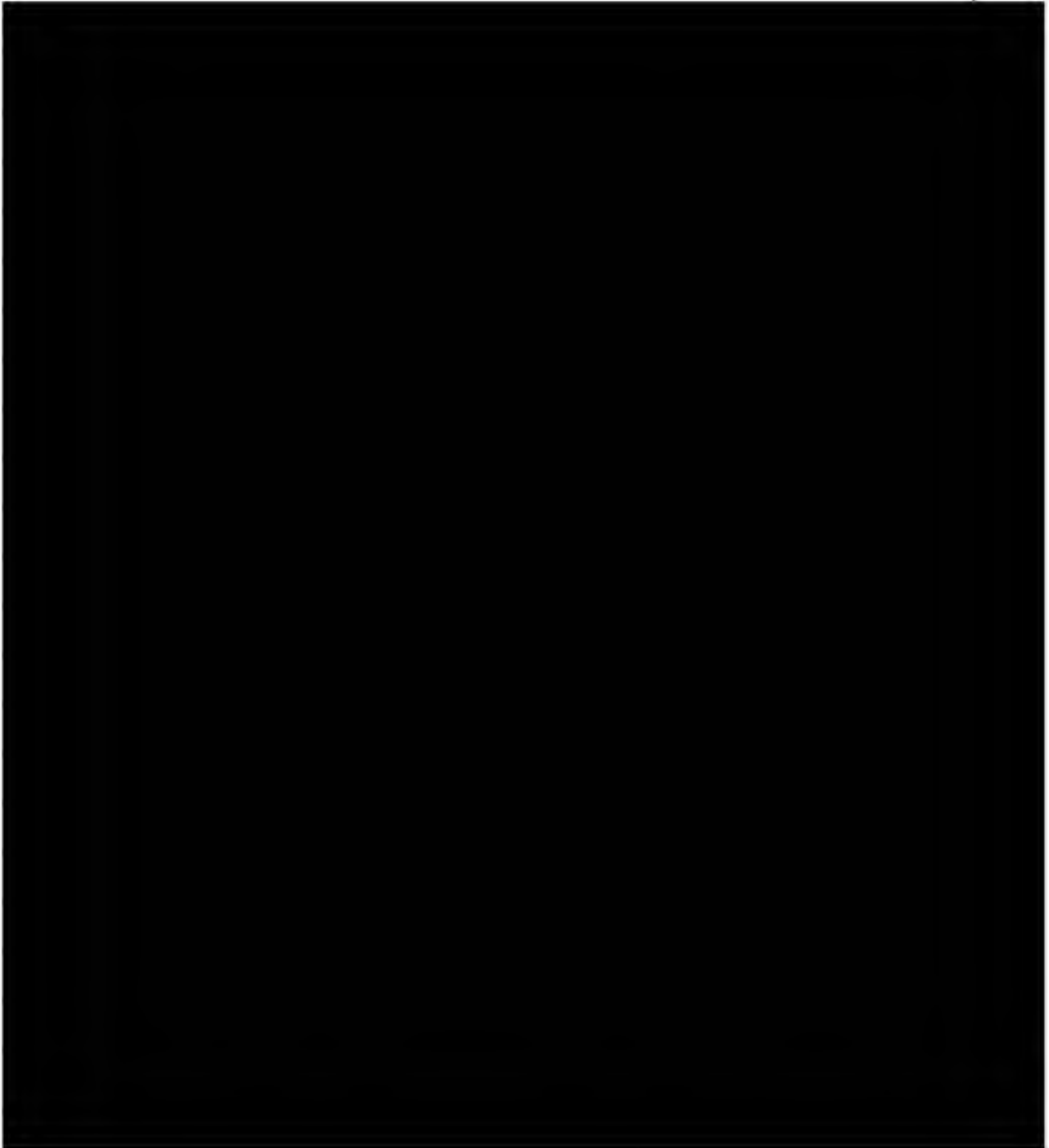
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5. I think Mr. Blake's suggestion for a black president of a largely black institution on a second go-around is an excellent one. I understand that the president of Michigan State University is

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black, so our first list is not exactly "racist," But I do agree it would be desirable to have the president of Howard or Atlanta, or one of the other largely black institutions, at a later session if the first one proves successful.

6. With the caveat expressed in paragraph 4 above, I recommend that you approve the plan.




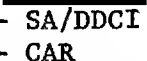
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